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## Guidance for Clinicians on Service Members who served in Operation Tomodachi

Operation Tomodachi was the Department of Defense (DoD) humanitarian effort for the Japanese natural disaster on 11 March 2011 that released radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. In response to these events, the DoD established the [Operation Tomodachi Registry \(OTR\)](#), which contains the names and maximum estimated radiation doses for approximately 75,000 members of this population who may have been exposed to low levels of radiation. This guidance details recommended steps for clinicians to follow when addressing questions and concerns from service members.

### Step 1

First refer all concerned service members to the [OTR website](#) to obtain more information, as well as view and print their [dose estimate](#). The OTR website has information for shore-based and fleet-based personnel. Additionally, the member should [contact the OTR staff](#) to verify they are included in the registry.

### Step 2

If the service member still has concerns or questions after visiting the OTR website, a referral should be made to Occupational Medicine (OM). (Providers should download and read the [Clinician Information Packet](#) prior to any encounter.)

### Step 3

The OM provider should engage in a question and answer session to identify why the service member believes that they have been exposed to excessive radiation and discuss the OTR dose estimate with the Sailor.

### Step 4

The OM provider should review the patient's medical record and OTR dose estimate as well as consult with the closest Radiation Health professional, usually a Navy Radiation Health Officer (RHO) or Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), to assess actual exposure risk.\*

### Step 5

After consulting with the local RHO/RSO, if there is a question about conducting any additional tests or studies, the OM provider should consult with the appropriate contact below and request guidance.

- NAVMED EAST (757-953-1931)
- NAVMED WEST (619-767-6608)

\*If a local RHO/RSO is not available, contact NMCPHC Radiation Health at 757-953-0766.

#### Additional Resources:

The OTR website <http://registry.csd.disa.mil/otr>

Clinician Information Packet

<http://registry.csd.disa.mil/otrcip>



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